



Dave Peterson, MS, PLA

Special Projects Consultant, GRASP® Team Leader

Work Experience

Dave's leadership in the science of parks and recreation planning embraces innovative techniques for incorporating demographics data into GIS analyses and determining needs beyond traditional broad-brush allocation strategies.

Dave started his career in community development and planning but expanded to park and school design. This provided an excellent transition into park and recreation master planning. This variety of experience, as well as his diverse background in education and sports medicine make him a valuable team member.

Dave loves the latest in software and technology and is always looking for the newest computer graphic technique or process to incorporate into his projects. He also enjoys the opportunity to visit hundreds of parks each year as part of GRASP® inventory and assessment. Parks and recreation master planning and comprehensive GIS mapping using composite values methodology incorporates both detailed and broad thinking and therefore is a good match for his skills. Dave is a Registered Landscape Architect in Colorado and is a CLARB Certified Landscape Architect.

Education

- M.S., Exercise and Sports Science, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
- B.S., Landscape Architecture, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado
- B.S., Education, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

Certifications

- Registered Landscape Architect in Colorado (#977), 2012
- CLARB Certified Landscape Architect

Representative Project Experience:

Park & Recreation Master Planning

- Bloomington, Illinois
- Cary, North Carolina
- Charleston County, South Carolina
- Cook County Forest Preserve District, River Forest, Illinois
- Desert Recreation District, Indio, California
- Encinitas, California
- Farmington, New Mexico
- Green Valley Ranch Metro District, Denver, Colorado
- Littleton, Colorado
- Louisville, Colorado
- North Clackamas District, Oregon City, Oregon
- Palm Springs, California
- Pearland, Texas
- Plainfield Park District, Plainfield, Illinois
- Springfield Park District, Springfield, Illinois
- Stafford County, Virginia
- Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Wake Forest, North Carolina
- Wilsonville, Oregon
- Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Park & Recreation Master Plan Updates

- Commerce City, Colorado
- Corvallis, Oregon
- El Paso County, Colorado
- Lakewood, Colorado
- Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, Beaverton, Oregon
- Wheat Ridge, Colorado
- Windsor, Colorado

Healthy Communities Assessment and Planning

- Arlington Heights Park District, Arlington Heights, Illinois
- Liberty, Missouri
- South Bend, Indiana

Athletic Field Allocation Studies

- Arlington County, Virginia
- Stafford County, Virginia

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- State of New Mexico

Parks Asset Inventory and Assessment

- City and County of Denver, Colorado